



Delaware Readiness Team Newsletter

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for 2nd summer!

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**Look out for email
For Next Team Lead
Meeting!**

**Look out for Dates -
Prevent Child Abuse
Delaware
Overview Meeting for
Grant
(Grant due Nov. 15)**

**New Action Plans need
to be submitted by the
end of the month.**

Three Wilmington Teams Unite

Empowered Parents = Ready Children Conference

Three Wilmington Delaware Readiness Teams combined to hold the "Empowered Parents = Ready Children" on Saturday, June 27 Stubbs School on the east side of the city. First District Success, Center City Wilmington, and

section as they acquired information.

The day opened with a lesson and discussion about becoming advocates for children and continued on with thrift store makeovers for two pre-registered attendees. Over 40 parents attended interactive workshops like "Crying in the Dark- Emotional Wellness for Adults," "Navigating Services for Children with Special Needs," "Positive Parent & Teacher Relationships," and "Raising Emotionally Healthy Children."



the Northeast Safe Strong and Engaged teams worked together to host this event in collaboration with Wilmington Early Care and Education Council and Christina Cultural Arts Center. An overall tone of eagerness hovered as parents knew their children were well taken care of in the child care

Vendors rounded out day with information about organizations like Springfield College, Parents As Teachers, and Wilmington Head Start. There was also information about free youth karate classes, hair stylists curling creating up do's and cooking/nutrition classes for parents. Door



prizes were given to all who attended along with books to share with their children.

There are 21 Delaware Readiness Teams across the state that the Delaware Early Childhood Center (DECC) of Lake Forest School District supports with monies from the Office of Early Learning. This project is an outgrowth of the Early Learning Challenge Grant and a part of Delaware's larger strategic plan for Early Learning under Goal 3.





**Prevent Child Abuse
Delaware™**

Prevent Child Abuse Delaware Seeks Partnerships with Delaware Readiness Teams



DELAWARE READINESS TEAMS

"The strength of a nation
derives from the integrity of
the home. "

Confucius

During the 2016 calendar year Prevent Child Abuse Delaware (PCAD) is looking forward to working with three or four Delaware Readiness Teams to enhance efforts to strengthen families. As the lead agency for the federal Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Grant, PCAD provides funds, training and technical assistance opportunities to community-based organizations to support programs designed to prevent child abuse and neglect by building protective factors. Research indicates that when the protective factors are strong the likelihood of child abuse and neglect is reduced. The protective factors that have been identified are:

- * Parental resilience – cope with and bounce back from challenges, seek help when necessary
- * Social connections – A support network that includes, friends, family, neighbors and community members

- * Knowledge of parenting and child development – accurate information about child development and appropriate expectations for children's behavior

- * Concrete support in times of need – safety net for families, meeting basic needs like food, shelter, clothing, and health care

- * Children's social and emotional competence – children interact positively, self-regulate their behavior, and can communicate emotions effectively

The goals of this partnership are to:

- * Spark leadership at the community level to lead significant change

- * Use the Community Café model of guided conversation, led by trained parents and community members, to harvest collective knowledge and transform it into action

- * Sustain community

partnerships and relationships that have been developed by the Readiness Team

- * Assure team leaders have the tools, strategies, and support that they need to work with their teams to strengthen families

- * Evaluation findings speak directly to the presence and/or absence of staff and parent activities and behaviors that relate to the Strengthening Families Protective Factors

Information sessions will be conducted in September. The application form which will need to be completed will be described at these meetings. During the first year of funding grantees will be eligible to receive up to \$4,000.00 with two additional years of grant funding possible. Grant applications will be due by November 15, 2015



Hanover DEL Team Creates Transition Kit & Connects with Area Community Organizations

Hanover Dream Team (HDT) members recently completed production of comprehensive kindergarten transition kit. The kit is designed to assist Early Learning Providers to implement this critical steps with their students and

families to make "ready for school."

Comprising a 3-ring binder and thumb drive preloaded with the binder items, the kit includes research and other information on the importance of transition

planning, useful articles, planning and activity calendars and guidance materials for early learning providers to use as part of program implementation as well with the families of their students. Planning is underway to distribute the kits to community caregivers and provide assistance and/or training on how to use this valuable new resource.

Teacher -

"Why are you talking during my lesson."

Student -

"Why are you teaching during my conversation."

-unknown



Bookmobile on the Road in Cape Henlopen for 2nd year!

The Cape Henlopen Community Readiness Team implemented the second annual Cape Community Bookmobile from July 7th – August 6th. The five week schedule ran on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings visiting communities in the Lewes, Rehoboth, and Milton areas. The bookmobile teamed up with the Summer Food Service Program and meals were provided to children

at each location. Sixty volunteers helped support the bookmobile and over 2000 books were distributed. For more information follow the Cape Community Bookmobile on Twitter.



The Hanover Dream Team also is sharing valuable community insight learned from a series of focus groups conducted with 45 community residents with area civic associations and agencies. With a goal to create coalitions and build collaborations, the team believes that bringing others' attention to the concerns and issues identified by focus group participants will help to create lasting change that will benefit children, families, schools and learning providers throughout the Hanover community. Several presentations to civic association leaders have been held already, with plans to present to more in the coming month.

**Don't forget to make
local media aware of
your plans and action!**

Delaware's Readiness Equation: Another Look

Readiness Equation

**Ready Families +
Ready Schools +
Ready Early Learning
Providers +
Ready Communities
= Ready Children**

Delaware's School Readiness Equation is the foundation for creating and expanding systems of support for young children and their families. *Ready Families + Ready Early Learning Providers + Ready Communities = Ready Children.* This equation promotes a multi-faceted community approach to readiness that includes children's health, learning and development, early learning programs' and schools' connections, and the provision of family resources and serves as a model that best prepares children for school success. Through the completion of a community assessment and action plan, the teams will engage in new strategies to align and coordinate programs and services. Teams bring together key members of their communities and focus their efforts on change that will promote partnerships and make school readiness and the needs of young children a priority.



More Pics from Parent Conference



Delaware Readiness Teams - List of 21 Teams Statewide by County

New Castle County

Center City Wilmington

Team Lead - Raye Jones Avery
Facilitator - Daphne Y. Evans

Claymont Community

Team Lead - Marisa Wilson
Facilitator - Diane Frentzel

Colonial Community

Team Lead - Dawn Alexander
Facilitator - Teresa Marioneaux Allen

First District Success

Team Lead - Stacey Henry
Facilitator - Daphne Evans

Hanover Dream Team

Team Lead - Ellen Casson
Facilitator - Natalie Fountain

Little Hawks (Middletown)

Team Leads - Nikki Bowe/Valerie Boothe
Facilitator - Teresa Marioneaux Allen

Mt. Pleasant Community Partnership

Team Lead - Ellen Tyrawski
Facilitator - Daphne Evans

NorthEast Safe, Strong, Engaged (NESSE)

Team Lead - Candice Brown
Facilitator - Natalie Fountain

Route 40

Team Lead - Norm Kennedy/
Dierdre Aikens
Facilitator - Teresa Marioneaux Allen

Western Wilmington

Team Lead - Nicole Adams
Facilitator - Teresa Marioneaux Allen

Kent County

Harrington HUBCAP

Team Lead - Anita Hart
Facilitator - Carlie Petrovics

Milford Community

Team Lead -
Facilitator - Diane Frentzel

North Dover Community

Team Lead - Suzette Marine
Facilitator - Diane Frentzel

Smyrna Eaglets

Team Lead - June Wicks
Facilitator - Teresa Marioneaux Allen

South Dover Community

Team Lead - Pam Nichols/Lauren Cusick
Facilitator - Diane Frentzel

Sussex County

Cape Henlopen Community

Team Lead - Donna Kolakowski
Facilitator - Diane Frentzel

Georgetown

Team Lead - Melissa Walter
Facilitator - Karen Schreiber

Laurel

Team Lead - Kedra Lineweaver
Facilitator - Karen Schreiber

Seaford

Team Lead - Chester Cox
Facilitator - Carlie Petrovics

Southeastern

Team Lead - Christine Olley
Facilitator - Karen Schreiber

Woodbridge

Team Lead - Michele Marinucci
Facilitator - Carlie Petrovics